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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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to be entered in the register  
pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on application by the European Community  
to host the 1986 World Cup

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The European Parliament,

A. whereas

- Colombia has had to relinquish its plans to stage the 1986 World Cup for economic reasons,
- Mexico, although hoping to host the World Cup again, has enough internal problems without having to organize an international football championship,
- Canada is not traditionally a football-playing country and is unlikely to be able to provide either the stadiums or the accommodation and training facilities required,
- Canada lacks the density of population and the level of spectator support needed for financial success,
- the USA may have the economic strength, but similar objections apply to it as to Canada; moreover, it will take soccer another 15 years at least to gain acceptance there and enable the USA to become a serious candidate,
- in the Member States of the European Community football is the No. 1 national sport,
- the distances in Europe are smaller than or comparable with those of the other contenders,
- excellent stadiums, sports centres, training grounds and an enthusiastic football public are available in large numbers,
- there are airlines, intercontinental trains and an efficient motorway network to enable people from the different countries to come together,
- all the matches would be played to capacity crowds, which would ensure financial success,